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In re Application of: COCHRUM, et al

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FOR: HEMOSTATIC POLYMER USEFUL FOR RAPID BLOOD COAGULATION AND HEMOSTASIS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on July 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

D1
1. (Amended) A dry, storage stable, sterile dressing for application to a bleeding site which comprises a dry hemostatic zone, said zone comprising a matrix containing hemostatis-promoting amount of a hemostatic agent which accelerates blood coagulation and clot formation at an interface between the bleeding site and the hemostatic zone wherein said hemostatic agent comprises beads of cross-linked dextran wherein said cross-linked dextran has a molecular weight exclusion limit of 100,000 to 650,000 and triggers release of clotting factors and other ancillary substances which initiate a physiological clotting process when applied to the bleeding site.

D2
3. (Amended) The dry, sterile, dressing according to claim 1 wherein the hemostatic zone is affixed to a substrate.

D3
13. (Amended) The dressing according to claim 12, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is at least one of anti-inflammatory analgesic agents, steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, antihistamines, local anesthetics, bactericides or disinfectants,